productivity; and (vi) closure lay-off and retrenchment.

(c) Government has repeatedly made it clear that there is no policy of privatisation of public undertakings that the provisions of the FERA and MRTP Act not be diluted to the disadvantage of indigenous industrial development, *vis-a-vis* multi-nationals and monopolies and that the issues on the need to modernise would be discussed with trade unions. I had also appealed to the trade union organisations and workers to call off the strike in the larger interests of the public sector itself and suggested that the issues raised by the workers could be dicussed across the table in a spirit of cooperation between Government, workers and management.

Primary weavers societies in Orissa

707. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) how many primary weavers co-operative societies are there in Orissa at present;

(b) what are the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last one year; and

(c) whether any stocks have been accumulated with these societies and also with Appex Body; if so, what are the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government there are 770 primary weavers societies in the State as on 31-3-86. These societies are producing dhotis, sarees, lungis, napkins bed-sheets, shirtings, towels, mosquito nets, scarves, tie and dye furnishings' bapta, silk sarees etc. The total quantity of handloom goods produced by the societies during 1985-86 was 65.08 million metres valued at approximately Rs. 39 crores.

(c) The Primary weavers Cooperative Societies and the Apex Society are holding stocks worth Rs. 6.37 crores and Rs. 5.79 crores, respectively as on 31-12-1986, as reported by the State Government.

Regional Passport Offices in Kerala

708. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Regional Passport Offices are there in Kerala;

(b) how many applications were received by each Office during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how many passports each Office issued during this period, yearwise;

(d) whether staff strength in these Offices has been increased during this period; if so the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to open some more Regional Passport Offices in Kerala in the near future to meet the rush, if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Two.

(b) and (c)

	Passport Office Cochin		Passport Office Kozhikode	
	Applications for fresh passports received	Fresh passports issued*	Applications for fresh passports received	Fresh passports issued*
1984	1,19,523	1,20,668	63,731	65,340
1985	92,316	86,707	60,059	65,453
1986	73,835	76,331	61,458	64,641

*Includes pending cases from the previous year.